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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed \$100-200 fee for filing a letter of protest. I file letters of protest because there is too many frivolous or unfair trademarks getting through and I believe that if there should be a fee it should go to the trademark filers who are filing frivolous or unfair trademarks..

The USPTO has been approving frivolous trademarks without researching to see if the words are already in common use. These trademarks impact my business in several ways including me having to constantly take down pieces I have been doing for years or having to get rid of inventory of things I have already made and been making for several years prior to term or otherwise being trademarked.

A fee would present a hardship to me because I would no longer be able to help with keeping trademarking fair and equal to all. I believe we should have rights to help determine when people are filing unfair or frivolous trademarks. I believe this right to file letters of protest should be available without a fee because small business owners should not have to give up more business or rights to those of corporate or big businesses that are often filing trademark applications for common use or otherwise well know phrases.

Please consider changing the examiner's trademark review process for apparel items to include an online search to rule out widespread use.

Instead of burdening small business owners with paying for letters of protest, please consider increasing the cost of filing a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs or even consider adding a fee to trademark filers that are found to be constantly filing for common use or frivolous trademarks for wasting your time having to review these frivolous filings.

Sincerely,  
Regan May Quinn  
Business owner